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## **CITY OF CROSS TIMBERS RECEIVES \$11,100 IN USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, presented the City of Cross Timbers with a certificate of appreciation on November 17, 2010. Funds in the amount of \$11,100 were awarded to the City of Cross Timbers to purchase a new early warning siren system for the community of 185 residents. The assistance consists of a disaster grant from Rural Development's Community Facility Program. Additionally, the city contributed \$3,700 towards the total cost of \$14,800 for the siren.

"I'm pleased to hear that with the help of competitive grant funds provided by the USDA, the City of Cross Timbers will have an early warning siren to help in the event of an emergency," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "In Missouri, the weather can change at any moment and proper equipment for emergency preparedness is crucial to the everyday needs of the community."

"This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community in providing an early warning system," said Dunning. "This project mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. I am pleased that the residents of the City of Cross Timbers will have the benefit of this siren. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for these kinds of projects."

Anyone seeking more information about the Community Facility Program or any other USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the Clinton Area Office at 1306 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Clinton, MO 64735 or by calling (660) 885-5567- ext 5.



Pictured left to right, front row: Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, State Director, Rural Development; Duane Randa, Mayor, Cross Timbers; David Rauch, District Director, Office of U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill; Kim Burton, Area III Specialist, Rural Development;. Back row, left to right: Martha Randa; Bill Arnold, Alderman; Mike Fitzgerald, Area III Specialist, Rural Development; Danny Long, Alderman; Darell Wright, Alderman; and Travis Jones, Empire.

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